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fil/lister head/, a cylindrical screwhead.

film (film), *n.* 1. a thin layer or coating: a film of grease.
2. a thin nitrate or cellulose acetate composition with a sensitive

of this. 3. Motion Pictures. a. a reel of motion pictures containing a single scene. b. See motion picture. 4. films, a. motion pictures containing a single scene. b. the motion-picture industry. 5. a thin skin or membrane. 6. elements or fine threads.

7. a thin skin, or pellicle. **9.** Motion picture camera. **b.** to reproduce in the form of motion pictures; to film a novel. —**r.f.** **10.** to become convertible into motion pictures; to film a novel. —**r.f.** **10.** to become convertible into motion pictures; to film a novel. —**r.f.**

film/clip/, Television. a strip of motion-picture film, esp. as supplementary material in a telecast.

film-strip (film'strip/), *n.* a length of film containing still pictures or titles for projection on a screen.

fil-o-plume (fil'ə ploōm', fī'lə-), n. Ornith. a specialized tail-like feather having a slender shaft with few or no barbs. [*fil-* + *plume*]

process. [*< L filum*] a thread.
 fils (fils), n., pl. fils. 1. a bronze coin of Iraq and Syria
 the thousandth part of a dinar. 2. a cupronickel coin
 the thousandth part of a dinar or the hundredth

[illegible]

3. *Informal*, a filter-tipped cigarette for filtering. 4. *Formal*, a cigarette with a screen of dyed gelatin or glass for controlling the intensity of

7. to act as a filter for. 8. to pass through or as through a filter.

fil-ter-a-ble (fil'ter ə bəl), *adj.*
1. capable of being filtered through bacteria-retaining filter. —*fil'ter-a-b*

filter bed/, a pond or tank having
er with sand and serving to filter river or pond wa
filter na/per, porous paper used in filtering.

filth (filth), *n.* 1. foul matter; offensive or disgusting refuse. 2. a foul condition: *to live in filth*. 3. moral impurity. 4. vulgar or obscene language.

2. vulgar; obscene: *filthy language*. 3. contemptible. —*filth* /i-
—*filth* /i- or objectionable. [ME] —*filth* /i-
—*filth* /i- or objectionable. 2. dirty

fil-trate (*fīl'trāt*, v., -trat-ed, -trat-ing, n.
—v.t.—*n.* 2. liquid that has been passed through
filter. —n. 2. liquid that has been passed through
filter.

fi-lum (fī'zəm), n., pl. -bra
like structure, object, or part; filament.
[< L: thread, filament, fiber] n., pl. -bra

fimbriate (fim'brē it, -āt'), *adj.* Bot., having a border of hairs or filiform

2nd 1. fringed or fringed condition. 2. a

Fin., 1. Finland. 2. Finnish.
fin., financial.
fin., 22. (2nd ball). *adj.* subject to payment of a fine

practice deception or fraud. (often fol. by out of): He *finagled* the backers out of their fortune. 3. to get or achieve (something) by guile or trickery. [*finag-* (var. of *fenag-*),

final (fin'ul, ad). 1. last in place, order, or time. 2. ultimate. 3. conclusive or decisive: a final decision. 4. Law. precluded. 5. on the questions passed upon. 6. something

b. the last, usually comprehensive, examination in a course
[ME < L *fināl(is)* = *fin(is)* end + *-ālis* -al]

of any performance, course of proceedings, etc. [*< L. finalis FINAL*]
of single (adj.) *< L. finalis FINAL* the doctrine or belief that

fi-nal-ty (fi nal' i tē), n., pl. -ties for 2. 1. state, quality of being final; conclusiveness or decisiveness. 2. finality, finality, etc.

—v.i. 2. to complete an agreement; conclude negotiations. —*fi/na-li-zo/ti* should singlize by the end of the week. —*fi/na-li-zo/ti* is regarded by many

final-ly (fin'ə-lē), *adv.* 1. at the final point or moment; lastly; lastly
2. conclusively or decisively. [ME]

nk. —n. 1. the transaction of money matters generally, and in
nce the public, as in the fields of banking and invest-
4. the public, as in the fields of banking and invest-
the pecuniary resources, as of a govern-
the pecuniary resources, as of a govern-
the pecuniary resources, as of a govern-

fin(ce) com'pany, an institution engaged in financing as purchasing accounts

fi-nan'cial (fi nan'shəl, fi-), *adj.* 1. pertaining to money; financial operations. 2. of or pertaining to the counting of money; dealing with money.

—Syn. 1. FINANCIAL, FISCAL, MONETARY. FINANCIAL refer to matters concerned with money. FINANCIAL refer to money matters or transactions of some sort. FISCAL is used esp. in connection with the government.

as such: a monetary system or standard, referred to money as used in making ordinary payments: a

erized
dirty.
offen-

fin-back (fin'bak/), n. any whalebone whale of the genus *Balaenoptera*, having a prominent dorsal fin, esp.

finch (finch), *n.* any of numerous small passerine birds of the family *Fringillidae*, including the buntings, siskins, etc., most of which have stout beaks, etc., most of

find (find), *v.*, sound, find-ing, *n.* —*v. i.*
1. to come upon by chance; meet with:
2. to

effort: to find a job, to hope for
happiness someday. 3. to discover:
Columbus found America. 4. to recover
to gain or regain

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